TOWN OF ABINGDON PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 26, 2004 - 7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, January 26, 2004, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

Mr. Fred St. John, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Fred H. St. John, Chairman

Mr. Edward B. Morgan Mrs. Doris Shuman Mr. Richard Stevens Mr. Kenneth Mathews

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent: Mr. G. M. Newman

Mrs. Harriett DeBose

Administrative Staff: Mr. Albert C. Bradley, Director of Planning/Zoning

Mr. Garrett Jackson, Town Planner

Visitors Mr. Richard Musick

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(2) <u>CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS</u> - **K-VA-T Food Stores (Don Smith/Food City and Richard Musick/Bristol Sign Company, Inc., Representatives)**, 396 Towne Centre Drive; application for Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to change display board on existing sign located at the corner of Cummings Street and Cook Street to an electronic message board. **Tax Map No. 20 (12) 5.**

This is a request for approval to change display board on existing sign located at the corner of Cummings Street and Cook to an electronic message board.

Mr. Musick stated that Food City has had a lot of maintenance problems with the existing sign. The sign will remain the existing size. The Virginia Department of Transportation requires that the message must remain unchanged on board at least four seconds. The proposed sign has the capability of showing a total of four lines, if needed.

Mr. Mathews stated that this is a dangerous intersection and that the decision should reflect this.

After discussion, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the application request be approved, with stipulation that the wording either in whole or part to change not more often than every 15 seconds or (four times per minute). Mr. Stevens seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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Further discussion included the suggestion by Mr. Morgan that all zoning districts be reviewed for permitted uses. It was decided that at the next regular meeting permitted uses for the Residential Districts would be discussed.

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With no further business, Mrs. Shuman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Stevens seconded the motion, with unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Fred H. St. John, Chairman

G. M. Newman, Secretary